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1. The last session of the World Council for Peace, held at Vienna 22 to 28 Nov 53, indicated that the movement is growing. There is no denying that the Communists, moving spirits in the council, find each year new allies among the non-Communists. Individuals of importance who, in early years, have not attended either as members or observers, have now become members of the Council. Among those most recently arriving were General Buxbaum, of Brazil; Major General Sir Sahib Singh Sokhey, of India; M. Balthazar Castro, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Chile.
2. The delegate from Vietminh, Dinh Tham, assured the French members of the Council that peace offers would shortly be made by Ho Chi Minh. This willingness to negotiate was further confirmed by Mao Dun, delegate from Red China, who is president of the Association of Chinese Writers.
3. It was also observed that the Soviet delegate, Alexis Surkov suggested the possibility of negotiations for banning the atomic arm. He asserted that "the USSR had snatched from yesterday's monopolists the advantages of a unilateral possession of atomic and hydrogen bombs."

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